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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### FRENCH AND BRITISH POURPARLERS.

LONDON, May 15.  
At a conference between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Millerand to-day it was agreed to postpone the Spa conference till after the German general elections. The date of June 21 was provisionally suggested. It was agreed that the Versailles treaty be maintained in full force, particularly as regards the disarmament clauses, whose enforcement should not be postponed until after the Spa meeting. In other words the question of disarmament will not be discussed at Spa. As regards reparations M. Millerand provisionally assented to fixing a definite sum subject to certain conditions, one whereof is that France shall receive payment on account from the Germans. Financial experts are to be consulted on the question of how Germany can pay. The progress made was such that it is hoped M. Millerand will be able to return to Paris to-morrow.

After sitting the whole afternoon the conference adjourned till Sunday morning. Everything is proceeding satisfactorily.  
The conference sat the whole morning. Mr. Bonar Law was present. It concluded early this afternoon when M. Millerand and the French mission departed to Paris. An official statement says the British and French governments recognise that on one hand it is to the general interest that reparations for losses and damage due to war should be secured as soon as possible and with this object the necessary resources should be made effectively available without delay; and on the other hand it is desirable that Germany be put in a position to regain her financial autonomy by the speedy fulfilment of her obligations.

The two governments therefore opine that in order to solve the economic difficulties which are gravely weighing upon the world and mark the definite beginning of the era of peace, it is important to reach a settlement which will embrace the whole body of international liabilities which are left as a legacy of war and which will at the same time ensure the parallel liquidation of the inter-allied war debt and reparation debts of the central empires.  
Accordingly experts from each of the two countries will be charged, firstly, to prepare immediately for examination by their two governments proposals for fixing a minimum total for the German debt which will be capable of acceptance by the allies and at the same time compatible with Germany's capacity to pay; secondly, to determine the method of payment and the capitalisation of Germany's debt which will be best calculated to assure the realisation of the general views expressed above; thirdly, to establish conditions for division between the allies of the payment by Germany in accordance with agreements which certain allies have already reached, and which remain to be definitely settled in the case of other allies.

### A CUTE ARRANGEMENT.

It is explained that payment of allied indebtedness will proceed pari-passu with Germany's payments. Thus if Germany does not pay for two years, payment by allied debtors to allied creditors will be similarly postponed.

Elucidating this communique by examples, if Germany has to make payments extending over a certain number of years, the allied debtors would pay allied creditors at the same rate. As regards the allied division of German payments it is pointed out that an agreement already exists whereunder 55 per cent. goes to the French, and 25 to the British, but Belgium has a fixed priority of charge. The French advanced proposals involving priority in reparation but the alternative solution outlined prevailed, and an agreement reached which the premier regarded as a fair and reasonable settlement of a tangled problem. France gets very valuable benefits at the British expense but the latter is making concessions which she regards as right and just to France.

All eyes were directed on this conference held during the weekend. The Lloyd George and Millerand discussions were held at Phillip Sassoon's villa at Lympne, their respective staffs being housed at Hythe.

### POLISH OFFENSIVE CONDEMNED.

LONDON, May 15.  
The League of Nations Union publishes correspondence between Lords Robert Cecil and Curzon on the subject of the Polish advance. Lord R. Cecil, writing on May 3, strongly condemns the Polish offensive and hopes the British government will immediately summon the council of the League of Nations to deal with the situation. Lord Curzon replied on May 11. He denied that Poland was preparing to attack Russia for months past. He declared that the Poles endeavoured to open peace negotiations that were genuine and only abandoned when the Poles learned that the Bolsheviks were concentrating opposite their front the large supply of guns and materials captured from Denikin. Lord Curzon says it is impossible to invoke the intervention of the League of Nations to check an offensive in an unfinished war. The League of Nations would be in a difficult position if it attempted to mediate between Poland and the Russian government which does not recognize the League authority. Lord Curzon disagrees with Lord R. Cecil's view that Estonia and Latvia are hostile to Poland. Lord Cecil replied on May 13, dwelling on the disease, starvation, and misery in eastern Europe, and hoping that even now steps might be taken to retrieve the position.

[Note Lord Curzon's reference to a concentration on the Polish front. He does not mention that this front is in Russia, as bounded by the Peace Conference.—Ed. C.M.]

### BUSY PORT OF LONDON.

LONDON, May 15.  
A statement issued by the Port London authority says the position of shipping at the docks on May 12 was 74 discharging, 21 loading, 46 lying up, repairing, or bunkering, two waiting at dock to discharge or load, and one waiting in the river to dock. The total tonnage was 441,525.

### KING WANTS CITIZEN ARMY.

LONDON, May 15.  
The King received at Buckingham Palace the lord-lieutenants of counties, lord mayors and provosts of Great Britain, whom he addressed on the subject of reconstruction of the territorial army. He said the territorial army should be reconstituted in order to become the foundation of the army system. Every possible step should be taken to speed the work. He invited those present to enlist the sympathy of employers in the formation of an indispensable volunteer citizen army.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### CONSTANTINOPLE OUTRAGE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 14th.  
A policeman attempted to shoot the Grand Vizier, but only wounded an attendant. The would-be assassin was arrested.

### THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SYDNEY, May 14th.  
The Labour Council, after a heated debate, has decided not to participate in the welcome to the Prince of Wales.

### EMPIRE MOTOR FUEL.

LONDON, May 15th.  
An Empire Motor Fuel Committee has been appointed with a view to developing the production of additional supplies in all parts of the Empire.

### OBITUARY.

LONDON, May 15th.  
The death is announced of Mr. Ronald Burrows, Principal, King's College, London.

### COUNTY CRICKET.

LONDON, May 14th.  
Marylebone beat Nottinghamshire by 5 wickets.  
Lancashire beat Leicestershire by 159 runs.  
Sussex beat Warwick by 138 runs. In the Sussex second innings H. Wilson scored 157.

### TAXATION OF WAR WEALTH.

LONDON, May 15th.  
Representative backing, commercial and Stock Exchange bodies have made representations to the Select Committee strongly criticising the scheme for the levy on war fortunes and urging the danger of a financial panic if the levy is imposed.

## MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on April 14 as follows:—

Since the issue of our last report raw material values have been affected almost entirely by speculative influences, the trade-demand remaining very quiet. At New York prices have risen steadily, the market being dominated by persistent bad weather and labour reports from the growing States which have resulted in a good deal of apprehension over the new crop outlook. This has not however had the effect of raising prices for American cotton at Liverpool, there having been a further appreciation in sterling exchange as the result of which rates there have steadily declined. Egyptian has been in greater demand and prices are firmer and considerably higher. Reports on the new crop from Alexandria are more encouraging and state that the weather conditions are fairly good; land preparation is in full swing and it is rumoured that the acreage under cultivation is the largest on record. In the yarn and cloth markets there is again an absence of new features to report. The opening after the holidays was extremely quiet and there is still no improvement in the demand. Producers are however undisturbed by the continued inactivity being still confident in the belief that a renewal of buying will set in before present engagements are worked off. The wages advance is also still under discussion and whilst a settlement of this question remains in suspense with the possibility of a strike at the end of the month, both spinners and manufacturers show little keenness to go further ahead. Prices remain firm and unchanged but should the prolonged lack of demand be prolonged there can be little doubt that there would be a considerable falling off in values. Eastern cablegrams are now coming to hand very much quicker, many of them taking one day only in transmission. The larger outlets still remain very inactive however. China enquiry is now on the smallest scale and although India offers are slightly more frequent, little has resulted as yet; dhooties, for which the absence of demand has been so marked that makers and finishers have had to turn their machinery on to the other classes, are rather more active. South America, Java and the Straits have accounted for miscellaneous lots but of small dimensions. The Home Trade also remains quiet. Silver is again lower, mainly through China selling.

### BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

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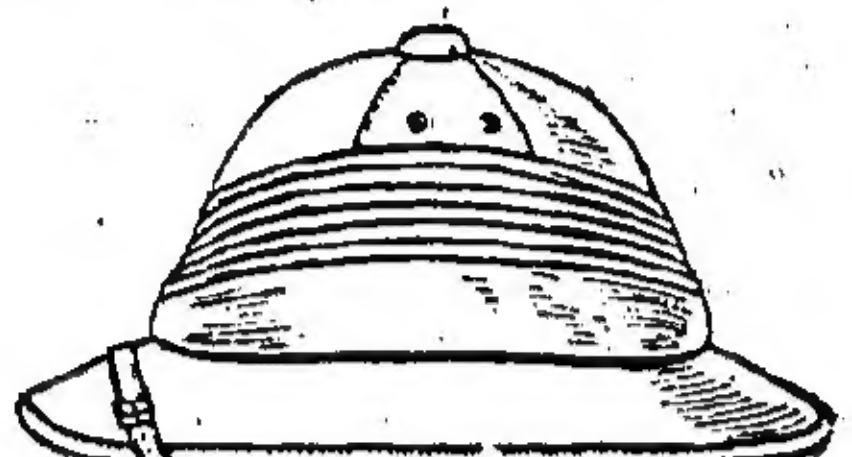
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mirror, teak dinner wagon, marble  
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etc., etc.

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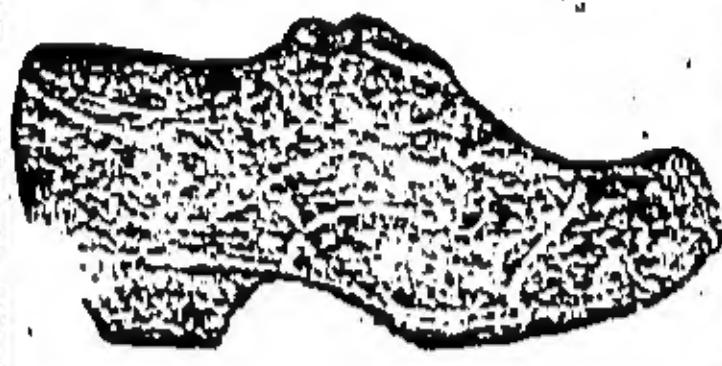
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The possibility of converting war  
ships into merchantmen has been  
frequently discussed in these columns  
says the *Journal of Commerce*. One  
such vessel has, as a matter of fact,  
been so dealt with. This is the  
"Dupuy-de-Lome," an old French  
armoured cruiser, which has lately  
been rebuilt as a cargo vessel by  
that well-known firm of shipbuilders  
and engineers, Les Chantiers et  
Ateliers de la Gironde, of Bordeaux.

Some interesting particulars in re-  
gard to the conversion appear in  
*The Engineer*, from whose pages  
the following particulars are  
taken.

The "Dupuy-de-Lome," it may be  
recalled, was the first of a type of  
armoured cruisers, the general design  
of which was widely perpetuated  
both in France and other countries.  
Her plans were prepared at the  
instance of Admiral Aube, who was  
a great believer in the efficacy of  
warships that combined high speed,  
good offensive qualities, and adequate  
protection with reasonable dimen-  
sions and cost, and the "Dupuy-de-  
Lome" was designed in harmony with  
those principles. She was laid down  
at Brest in 1886, launched in October,  
1890, and completed three years  
later. Her principal dimensions, &c.,  
were as follows:—Length on water  
line, 374 ft.; beam, 51 ft.; draft, 23 ft.;  
displacement, 6,297 tons. Her  
machinery comprised one vertical  
triple-expansion engine, driving the  
centre propeller shaft, and two  
horizontal compound engines actuating  
the port and starboard wing shafts  
respectively. Cylindrical boilers were  
installed. The machinery was intended  
to develop 14,000 indicated horse  
power for a speed of 20 knots. As  
protection against shell fire the hull  
was plated with a broad belt of  
hardened steel armour, 4 in. thick,  
reaching from several feet below the  
water line to the level of the upper  
deck. She was armed with two 7.5 in.  
and six 6.4 in. guns, mounted sepa-  
rately in 4 in. turrets, and carried  
four torpedo tubes, mounted  
above water behind armour.  
The armour belt was 17 ft. in  
width and descended to about 4 ft.  
below the water line. The "Dupuy-  
de-Lome" proved so successful in  
service that in 1904 she was con-  
sidered to be worth an extensive refit,  
including the replacement of her  
cylindrical boilers by those of the  
water-tube type. This change  
enabled her to steam at nearly 22  
knots. In 1914 the Peruvian Govern-  
ment offered to purchase the vessel,  
and negotiations were in train when  
the war broke out; but as interna-  
tional law forbids the sale to a  
neutral country of any warship be-  
longing to a belligerent Power, the  
vessel was laid up in France for the  
duration of the war. As the Peruvian  
Government had meanwhile aban-  
doned its intention to purchase the

"Dupuy-de-Lome" she was placed on  
the sale list last year and ultimately  
bought by the Royal Belgian Lloyd,  
which handed her over to the Chan-  
tiers de la Gironde for conversion  
into a freight steamer, and the work  
was duly carried out under the super-  
vision of the Bureau Veritas, with  
which the vessel is to be registered.

The reconstruction took place in  
the large fitting-out basin of the  
Bordeaux yard, which is equipped  
with cranes powerful enough to deal  
with the heavy weights involved.  
Two distinct operations were neces-  
sary, the ship having first to be dis-  
mantled and then rebuilt in her new  
character. Proceedings began with  
the removal of the superstructures,  
only the after deck-house being re-  
tained to provide accommodation for  
a dozen passengers. Most of the  
bulkheads were taken out, including  
those which subdivided the machinery  
space, while the two forward boiler-  
rooms were dismantled and the four-  
teen boilers removed. Both the  
horizontal engines, originally placed  
before the central vertical engine,  
were taken out of the ship, and the  
whole of the armour plating on the  
sides was removed. When the  
demolition work was finished the re-  
construction was taken in hand. A  
complete high forecastle was  
erected above the original ram bow,  
provision being made for a new  
capstan and windlass gear. This  
new forecastle was also utilised to  
accommodate part of the crew, and,  
incidentally, afforded better protec-  
tion to the ship against sea and  
weather. The decks were reinforced  
with new beams and fitted with  
scuppers in conformity with the re-  
gulations of the Bureau Veritas.

The bulkheads left in the ship and  
the hull generally were strengthened  
by the addition of doubling plates.  
Four large cargo holds were provided,  
one in the forepart of the ship in  
place of the forward gun turrets  
and magazines; one in the space  
formerly occupied by the two for-  
ward boiler-rooms; one in place of  
the old horizontal engine-room; and  
a fourth in place of the after gun  
turrets and magazines. Each hold  
was furnished with a large hatch—  
two in the case of hold No. 2 each  
fitted with two derricks, save the  
after hold, which was given but one.  
This gives a total of nine derricks,  
six of which are 3-ton and three  
5-ton. Above the remaining boiler-  
room quarters were fitted up for the  
ship's officers. Two cabins were  
provided in the forward super-  
structure and also a wireless tele-  
graphy cabin, with a chart-room and  
bridge-house above. In the after  
part of the ship the "twain deck  
space was fitted up as quarters for  
the crew, and the space above the  
steering gear was converted into a  
store-room.

The reconstructed ship, which has  
been named "Peruvia," has the follow-  
ing dimensions, &c.:—Length, 374 ft.  
(114 m.); beam, 50 ft. 9 in. (15.5 m.);  
moulded depth, 35 ft. 9 in. (10.9 m.);

mean draft, light, 13 ft. 6 in. (4.130 m.);  
mean draft, loaded, 27 ft. 6 in.  
(8.570 m.); gross tonnage, approxi-  
mate, 5,400 tons (metric); dis-  
placement, approximate, 6,240 tons  
(metric); cargo capacity, 238,000  
cu. ft. (6,500 cum.). The  
machinery comprises one vertical  
triple-expansion engine and six  
boilers of the "Guyot-du-Temple"  
type, developing a maximum of  
1,700 to 2,000 horse power and a  
speed of 10 to 10½ knots.

We understand that the "Latouche-  
Treville" and other old cruisers of  
the French Navy are to undergo the  
same transformation. Germany also  
is adopting this method of enlarging  
her depleted tonnage. According to  
the *Schiffahrts-Zeitung*, two large  
torpedo-boat destroyers which were  
lying unfinished at the Danzig State  
Yard have been purchased with a  
view to their reconstruction as mer-  
cantile ships. It is pointed out that  
vessels of this description are well  
adapted for conversion into passen-  
ger steamers, as their fine lines  
render it possible to achieve a good  
speed with relatively small engine  
power. The Danzig yard is now  
rebuilt the protected cruiser  
"Geiton," of 3,770 tons, as a motor  
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
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**FRIDAY,**  
May 21, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

Sundry Household Furniture,  
etc., etc.

(Removed to Sales Rooms for Convenience of Sale),  
comprising—

Pair Teak White Enamelled Twin  
Beds and Hair Mattresses, Chesterfield  
Sofa, Velvet Fire Carpet, Small Gramophone  
and 70 Records.

Also  
5 Cases Devonshire Cyder  
(only just arrived).

And  
A large quantity of Boundary Netting  
for TENNIS COURT.

Terms—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 15, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

**FRIDAY,**  
May 21, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

Four Pedigree Fox Terrier Pups,  
(about 7 weeks old).

Terms—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 17, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

**FRIDAY,**  
May 21, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

One Australian Pointer Bitch.

Terms—Cash.

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### INTIMATIONS.

CANADIAN PACIFIC OCEAN  
SERVICES, LTD.

DURING the temporary absence of  
Mr. J. H. WALLACE from the  
Colon, Mr. P. A. COX is appointed  
Acting General Agent for Hongkong,  
China, Philippines, Straits Settlements,  
Java and India, effective 17th May, 1920.  
W. T. PAYNE,  
Manager for China & Japan.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1920.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the 47th ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING of the Society will be held  
at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4  
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on  
FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors together with  
the Statements of Account to 31st  
December, 1919, and of declaring  
Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Society will be CLOSED from 8th  
May to 21st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. H. P. HAY,  
Deputy General Manager.

Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the 51st ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING of the Company will be  
held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4,  
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on  
FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at 12.30 p.m.,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Directors together with the  
Statements of Account to 31st December,  
1919, and of declaring Dividends,  
etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
8th May to 21st May, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. H. P. HAY,  
Deputy General Manager.

Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the 54th ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING of the Company will be  
held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4,  
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on  
FRIDAY, 21st May, 1920, at 12.45  
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors together with  
the Statements of Account to 31st  
December, 1919, and of declaring  
Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
8th May to 21st May, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. H. P. HAY,  
Deputy General Manager.

Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING will be held at  
the Company's Offices, St. George's  
Buildings, on SATURDAY, 22nd May,  
1920, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of  
presenting the Report of the Directors  
together with a Statement of Account  
to 31st February, 1920, and electing  
Directors and Auditors. The TRANS-  
FER BOOKS of the Company will be  
CLOSED from the 15th to the 22nd  
May, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 4, 1920.

Just arrived  
a large assortment of  
**FILTERS**  
1, 4 Gallons up to 4 gallons



**C. E. WARREN & CO., LTD.**  
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\$1. PREPAID.  
Every additional word 4 Cents  
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WANTED.—To Purchase a setter  
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### TO LET.

TO LET.—Furnished "Ava House"  
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TO LET.—A SHOP in Nathan Road,  
Kowloon.  
Apply to Humphreys Estate & Finance  
Co., Ltd., Alexandra Buildings

### SITUATION VACANT.

A BRITISH INSURANCE OFFICE  
(TRAFFIC) is open to receive ap-  
plications for representation (Fire  
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TEA DANCING and DINNER

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd

AND

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd

ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

during

TIFFIN and AFTERNOON.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagees

MESSES LAMBERT BROTHERS

have received instructions to sell  
by Public Auction

on

**SATURDAY,**

the 22nd day of May, 1920, at 12

o'clock noon, at their Salesroom in

Duddell Street, Victoria,

Hong Kong.

The Steamship "WING ON"

(lately of the Hong Kong & Canton

run) now lying off Tsamshui in the

Harbour of Hong Kong together with

all the furniture, stores, equipment and

appurtenances now on board.

IN ONE LOT.

The ship is registered in Hong Kong

and her tonnage and dimensions are as

follows:—

Gross Tonnage 334.75

Registered Tonnage 456.46

Length 193 ft.

Main Breadth 33 ft.

Depth 11.75

For further particulars and conditions

of sale please apply to

MESSES DEACON LOOKER

DEACON & HARTSON,

Vendors' Solicitors,

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MESSES LAMBERT BROTHERS,

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### NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"TENYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONO-

LULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having

arrived Sunday, morning 16th inst.

consignees of cargo are hereby notified

to present their Bills of Lading for counter-

signature, and take immediate delivery

from alongside steamer or the Company's

Godown, where all cargo impeding im-

mediate discharge will be landed at

consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on

cargo remaining undelivered after

Monday, 24th inst.

All broken, chafed and damaged pack-

ages will be landed into the Company's

Godown, where same will be examined on

Tuesday, 25th inst. at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognised after

goods have left the steamer or Godown, and

none will be entertained if presented

later than three weeks after arrival

of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be

effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 17, 1920.

### SOVIET SIDELIGHTS.

BRITISH OFFICER'S AMUSING  
STORIES.

A ROBBER SOCIETY.

Capt. Hamilton Blair, D.S.C.,  
commander of the Pangbourne Navi-  
cal School cadet training-ship "St.  
George," which has just left Plymouth  
for a two months' cruise to the Canary  
Islands, was in the war associated  
with Com. Max Horton, V.C., R.N.,  
and during his active service career  
encountered adventures enough to last  
a lifetime.

Having spent a good deal of time  
in the Black Sea, he acquired in-  
timate knowledge of the vagaries of  
the peoples of the Balkan States and  
of Bolshevik Russia. After the Re-  
volution his vessel was for some time  
based on Odessa, and he was one of  
a small volunteer-band who suggested  
taking across by oil truck a 35-ton  
submarine to the Caspian Sea, where  
the Bolshevik Fleet was to have been  
the centre of attraction. For reasons  
not disclosed, the scheme was turned  
down.

Having keenly appreciated the  
humorous side of his experiences, he  
certainly has the saving grace of hum-  
our, and extracted many a laugh when  
another would have indeed been a dull  
dog. After the establishment of Bol-  
shevik rule in Odessa, when life was  
held rather cheaply, the captain re-  
calls a cinema advertisement which  
ran in Russian: "Come and see this  
great picture to-day while you are  
alive: to-morrow you may be dead."

DICK TURPIN SOCIETY.

"I wonder," said Capt. Blair, laps-  
ing into grave reflection, "if those in  
this country who openly shout in  
favour of Bolshevism have any idea  
of what goes on when the new cult  
takes a ruling hand. A short time  
ago I returned from Southern Russia  
where, though the Bolsheviks were  
not very strong, their methods were  
such as to make one think the world  
had gone mad. History had repeated-  
ly shown that a revolution may be a  
good change for a country. But this  
Bolshevik movement is absolutely  
abominable—very often ridiculous.

Looking at the ridiculous side of it,  
in Odessa there existed among the  
Bolsheviks a society which called it-  
self the Society of Robbers and  
Thieves. This society for some time  
kept the population in fear. People

who ventured into the streets at night  
were attacked by these ruffians, the  
clothes and everything possessed  
taken from them, and they were  
sent home naked. Certainly these  
gentlemen of the society had their  
code, for they took their privileges  
in a most serious manner. On one  
occasion a family, while driving to a  
neighbour's house, were stopped and  
robbed. They were extremely indig-  
nant, and complained to the president  
of the Robbers' and Thieves' Society  
that it was the third time on which  
they had suffered during the past  
month. In answer to their protest  
the president gave them a pass to go  
about free from molestation for sixty  
days.

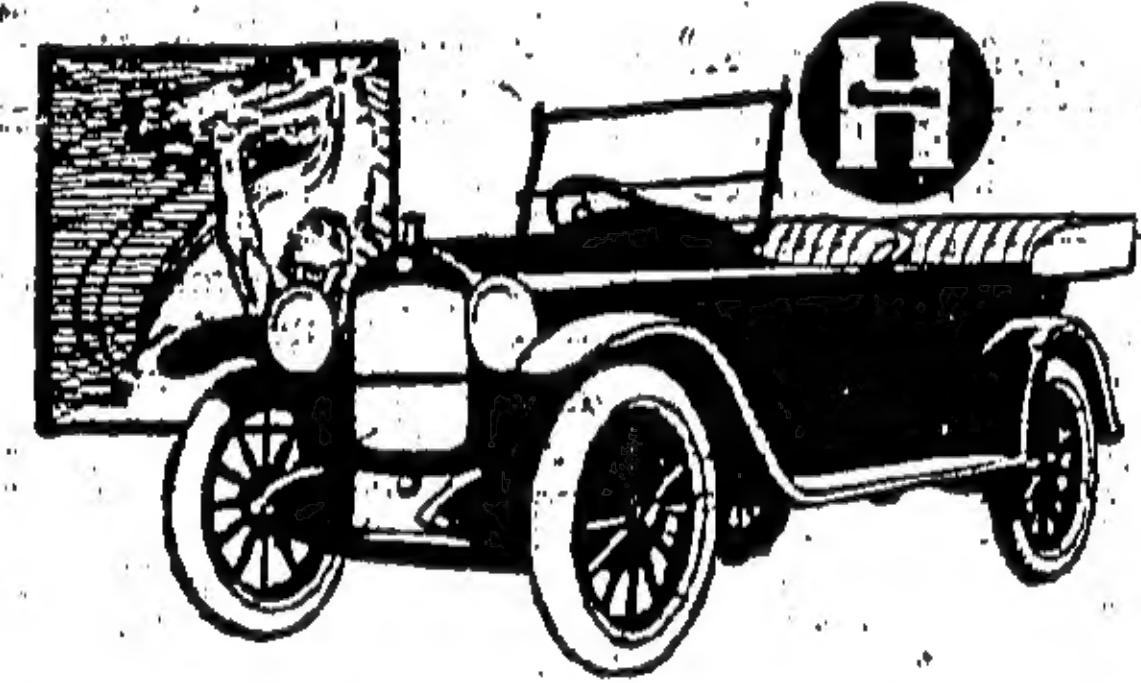
"On another occasion the captain  
of a ship lying in harbour thought he  
would like to give a dinner to some  
of his Russian friends on shore. He  
sent out invitations, and among the  
reply he received a letter from the  
president of the Thieves' and Rob-  
bers' Society, in which he stated that  
if two of the members of the society  
were invited to join in the dinner no  
harm would come to the other guests,  
which really meant they would not be  
robbed. This episode put the captain  
in a rather awkward position, for he  
had selected his guests so as to make  
an impression. After discussing the  
matter with his first lieutenant, he de-  
cided, for the safety of his guests, to  
invite the two Bolshevik members.

Curiosity to meet these modern Dick  
Turpins had a little to do with his  
decision. On the evening of the din-  
ner party his guests arrived, also the  
two members of the Robbers' and  
Thieves' Society, and everything went  
well until the time of departure, when  
the two members came forward and  
presented each of the guests with  
passes, and not one of the diners was  
molested. To those who admire such  
men as Dick Turpin, Ned Kelley,  
etc., this would rather appeal to them,  
but fancy every time one went to  
dinner having to appeal to some hood-  
lum for a pass to return home.

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### A PARENT'S DUTY.

YOUR boy is always getting scratch-  
ed or cut or bruised. Because  
these wounds have healed all rights no  
sign they always will. Get a bottle of  
Chamberlain's Pain Balm and see that  
every injury is cared for immediately.  
You can get nothing better, and blood  
poison is too dangerous a disease to risk.  
For sale by all Chemists and Store-  
keepers.



This car was planned and built with the one idea of  
having the buyer get out of it, in comfort of mind and  
body, all that the manufacturer put into it in time, and  
thought, and care, and money, and experience.

### IMPORTANT FEATURES.

- Extra strong, rigid frame.
- Two carburettor adjustments.
- Pressure oil system feeding oil  
direct to bearings.
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adjustable pedal.
- Extra long gear shift lever with  
short, easy throw.
- Extra long, semi-elliptic springs;  
chrome vanadium leaves.
- Semi-irreversible steering gear;  
strong construction.
- Detachable engine head; easy to  
grind valves or remove  
carbon.
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and driving compartment.
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most satisfactory substitute for Mother's Milk. Made from pure, rich,  
fresh milk by a special process which renders the proteins and milk fat  
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FOR  
CHILDREN'S  
WASHING FROCKS  
"JACK TAR TOGS"  
AND  
JUMPERS.

EXCELLENT RANGE TO  
CHOOSE FROM.

## BIRTH.

PITTENDRIGH.—At Craigmin West,  
151, The Peak, on the 15th inst.  
to Mr. and Mrs. W. McKENZIE  
PITTENDRIGH, a son.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1920.

## POLES AND RUSSIA.

The telegrams leave us in considerable doubt as to the position between Poland and Russia. Some time ago it looked as if Russia was on the edge of peace with them and their neighbours. More recently we had reports of big Polish victories over the Russians. Today there is more talk of peace. Some of this is news, and some only propaganda. It will be understood that those who still think the Allies are at war with the Bolsheviks regard the Poles as fighting our battles. We are not. Although Allied warships, presumably including British, bombard port after port in the Russian empire, and although the Japanese in Siberia remain to play their own game, there is no anti-Bolshevik war. There are mere filibustering, on our part due to the failure at Home to disgrace Winston Churchill. The Poles have been misled into expecting Allied support, and in the hope of extending the boundaries set by the Versailles Peace Conference, have gone very far. Too far, if we may recall, the fact that on February 28th the committee of ambassadors sent a note to Poland, telling it that it had "strayed far into Russia from the eastern boundaries laid down for Poland by the Peace Conference." It is understandable that Poles might not be satisfied with what was given them. It is not understandable that any of us should support them in flouting the decision of our own Peace Conference. Bonar Law in the House of Commons made it plain that so far as Britain is concerned, she will neither help nor hinder. Poland must settle with Russia herself. As we consider that the Russians are the stronger, we feel sorry for the Poles, and think that their "vaunting ambition has overleapt itself." They may now lose some of that which the Treaty gave them. Of course the Allies may then step in to job Russia of the reward of military success. This would make Bonar Law a liar, but that is a small matter for a politician.

## ADVERSARIA.

Among the various types of man we must have noticed, is that which allows its personal dislikes and grievances to affect the conduct of its business. A Judge who had a private quarrel with a man in a club, and who afterwards happened to sit in judgment over him, would earn the scorn of you all if it appeared that he had allowed private rancour to influence his professional decision. A business agent who doesn't like our "tone"—but makes that. Let's start afresh. A government servant who disapproves of our policies (generic term) and who acts in his official capacity so that—but that is not necessary either. Let us put it bluntly. We "joshed" our Colonial Secretary rather strongly in connection with the Golf Club meeting. Then we approached him on ordinary business. Now there are men here who would have taken that as the first chance to show resentment. It is up to us to note that Mr. Fletcher made absolutely no change in his habitually courteous manners. Our reporter, as witness his article on Saturday, was impressed thereby. This note, of course, is prompted by a desire to be fair to one of a class we frequently attack, and it promises no change in our habitually discourteous manners.

The following advertisement cut from a Singapore paper has been handed us for sympathetic comment: "Englishman, Ex Airman, had to descend from heaven owing to shortage of petrol, desires work. No money, no training, no influence; only handicaps war service. Tuans Bear please note. 'Tuans Bear' is Malay for what we call 'Number One'. What descent from heaven means we do not know, unless he means that he was a non-producer who has at last been compelled to work for his living. If so, we reserve our sympathy. He does not seem to count 'no training' as a handicap, but he will find it is one. Most of us have had to undergo tedious and expensive training to hold down our jobs. We have noticed with regret a tendency on the part of some war heroes (some, not all) to expect that they should sit on a pedestal for the rest of their lives and be served by an adoring populace. We had one on our staff a while ago. Poor beggar! They are looked for disappointment.

According to Kennedy Jones, in his new book "Fleet Street and Downing Street," journalism has killed it. Jones was associated with Harmsworth, and if it be understood that he is talking of that brand of newspaperdom, we need not quarrel with his assertion. For years we have seen that such journalism ought to be antisepticized, and we have done our best to discredit it by forcing the public to recognize that the printed word in the daily Press should count for no more than street corner or club bar gossip, and for the same reason—its irresponsibility. A free and independent Press, however, that proves its freedom and its independence by its conduct, will always have a certain influence, because its master the public approves and desires such a mouthpiece, and in time holds up its hands as the hands of Moses were uplifted. The writings of a personality also are powerful, if he writes up instead of down to the public, and manifests some thread of principle. Kennedy Jones says no editor should ever write a line in his own paper. "There are good reasons for this, but it is not yet a rule of the trade. Failing the signed article, which is unconventional as yet, the editorial 'we' should be justified by free discussion by the staff in the interests of the paper. This practice, rare in newspaper offices, is encouraged on the China Mail. No one man is good enough to dictate a sound general policy, as we have seen in Northcliffe's case. Above all, nobody has any right to expect perfection in a newspaper, so long as it does not pose as infallible. So long as it is frankly human, and humanly frank, it will make good. A reasonable amount of general knowledge and savvy from its staff is of course, a prerequisite. There is no darkness but ignorance, and the percentage of untrained ignorance in the Press for today is unpleasantly high. Luckily for them, if not for the nation, they are sufficient ignorant to read, enjoy, and support their productions. It used to be a superstition that all "innocents" (dunatics) were divinely inspired. That belief is dead. We no longer expect the higher truths from idiots.

From the point of view of trade and business, we suppose there is much more to be said for auxiliary engines on sailing craft than has yet been said. So long as cheap fuel and machinery is available, sail will be neglected. When it gets too dear to use at a profit, the free winds of heaven, in combination with human cunning, will be turned to again. Even now auxiliary sails on power propelled ships could be more commonly used, and so preserve the race of tested sailormen we wrote of the other day, while saving and making money for the owners. It is in yachting that we confess to a prejudice against the popular auxiliary motor. The elements put up for combative man a fight that calls forth his highest powers. The exercise of these makes the glory and the charm and the spiritual benefit of yachting. (Given contrary winds, contrary sides, and a desire to be at the dinner-table or the club by a certain time, the temptation to resort to this short cut becomes irresistible. Even then, of course, the elements may be stronger than the mechanical power, and the enjoyable fight is not missed. As a rule, however, the heart-true yachtsman dislikes its presence on board, and for him the chug-chug of the engine takes away all the charm of the sea, the natural noises of which have a quality quite different. Terrible and cruel it is as Conrad points it, yet also (as "Typhoon" showed) ennobling as well. I love this fierce and elemental strife," sings the yachtsman, and so singing, finds something like manhood, never losing patience, never admitting defeat, keyed up to do always the only possible right thing at the right time.

It is the things that man has made that occasion the need for prayer. A modern poet very neatly reminds us that the things that are, apart from human contrivance, seem universally to call for praise. For colour and beauty, for trees and blossom and cloud and breeze, for the spirit of fun and frolic and laughter and light, bred of joy in beauty, pay the homage of praise. For the gladness that has been, and for the memory that retains it, be also grateful, as for the glories that the healthy eye may go on looking at.

London papers see some foundation for the statement that the Egyptian revolt was largely due to the bad manners of certain British officials. That also is an old story in India and other lands where the White Man's Burden is irritably borne. The examinations that such officials pass, often with high honour, want revis-

ing. There are subjects that might be dispensed with. The examination should deal with temperament, with race prejudice, with snobbery—in a word, with manners. The snarling in mode should count for a special allowance, as language does. Where is the benefit of linguistic skill, if the skilled one uses his skill merely to offend the lowly subordinate, the worm that sometimes turns? This is not a class question. We meet "gentlemen" who are boorish, and proletarians who are courteous, both habitually. Overwork may explain occasional bad manners, but as a rule do not excuse them. It is more often a foolish idea of "putting them in their proper place." A certain ex-governor probably tingles yet at the recollection of an unsuccessful attempt to humble a bellicose editor at Government House, Hongkong. That seemed to be calculated rudeness, and it was promptly and efficiently repudiated. From Cairo a special correspondent relates a case that sounds more like ignorance or thoughtlessness. A dignified, serene and elderly native of high standing, educated, and knowing English, waited on a young official. "This man was talking 'horses' to a friend, and paid no attention to the old man, though he knew he could understand the conversation. When at last he did turn to him, he said: 'Well, what do you want?' The old man restrained his annoyance and stated his application, which was tersely granted, with a nod, and the young gentleman resumed his chat. The old man told the special correspondent that he would almost rather have had his request denied, than granted in such contemptuous form. It is not uncommon to hear officials declare this sort of thing expedient, to keep the beggars in their places. That is a vulgar lie. They do it because they enjoy doing it. A gentleman simply cannot be impolite, even to callers he dislikes. The political importance of good manners is obvious.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 2d.

The Breezy Garage will take passengers round the island in comfortable cars at reduced prices. The cost for a seven passenger car is \$12.00 and for a five seater \$8.00. The telephone number is 2499.

The departure of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's s.s. "Venezuela" this afternoon was mentioned at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Mr. G. O. Sheppard, the local manager of the company, who was present to serve on a jury, if required, asked Mr. Justice Wood, the Puisne Judge that he might be excused for the day owing to pressure of work. Mr. Sheppard added that he would have no difficulty in attending to-morrow morning. His Lordship granted this request.

Sergeant Cockle this morning charged a Chinese before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Magistracy with the unlawful possession of a dagger. The Sergeant said last night he received information that an armed robbery was going to be committed in Macdonnell Road, and sent two Chinese detectives out. Later, they came back with the defendant whom they said they had discovered loitering about in Macdonnell Road. When they searched him, a dagger was found stuck in his girdle. The defendant told him (the Sergeant) that two other men were concerned with him in a proposed armed robbery, but he refused to give their address. When asked what he had to say, the defendant told the Magistrate that he had had a quarrel with a man, and carried the dagger for self defence. He denied that he was again attacked. The Sergeant had him admitted to commit an armed robbery when he was arrested by the detectives. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

## TENNIS.

## H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

In the semi-final of the open doubles championship played last evening the Lo brothers beat Stalker and Abraham 8-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. It was not expected that the match would go to four sets, but the Lo brothers gave away many points by careless driving. The Kowloon pair took the first three games in the initial set and at one stage had a lead of 5-2. The Lo's then played with great dash and captured four games in succession, eventually winning the set 8-6.

The second set was decided in favour of the Lo's after twelve games had been played; but the third went to their opponents, 3-6, mainly due to inaccurate driving. Stalker did well at the net bringing off some smart strokes. The final set was an easy matter for the Chinese players. This evening, M. W. Lo meets R. Townsend in the final of the Championship Singles.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. DUNSTON'S.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

## OUR BLINDED SOLDIERS.

Dear Sir,—To the generous public who form your readers I owe much for the support they have given to St. Dunstan's—the Hostel which I established just five years ago in London for the care and training of the soldiers who lost their sight in the War. I think everyone knows now what heroic effort the men have made to overcome their handicap; the amazing triumph which has been theirs in the class-rooms and workshops of St. Dunstan's; yes, and how in their leisure time they have taken delight in dancing and rowing—all kinds of recreations at which they could excel—getting as close back to normal life as possible.

Impressive as that fact is, the sequel is more so. More than a thousand of these men have completed their training, have been set up in some occupation they have mastered, and are able to speak not only of their interest in their work, but of the most astonishing success in competition with sighted workers, but of real contentment, real enjoyment of life, of happiness and of hope—things which seemed lost to them for ever when first the news was broken to them that they were blind.

These men who have already returned to something like their old life, while some five hundred are still in training, these men who have gone back to their homes in this country or in the sister lands of the Empire, form the most remarkable body of blinded men that the world has ever known. Tragedy is inseparable from the word blindness—but they have given to this word a new meaning—they have turned it into a distinction conveying the idea of great-hearted courage, of infinite resource, of such accomplishment as other men may wonder at. They have made the appellation blind a mark of achievement.

So long after the termination of hostilities, it might be thought that the work of St. Dunstan's was nearing an end. May I tell your readers that more than ever now I need their support?

With some five hundred blind men in training the Hostel is almost as crowded as ever. And on the heels of the men blinded on the battlefields are coming to us those whose blindness has been overtaken gradually (23,000 men were discharged from the Army with seriously damaged eyesight), and it is impossible to gauge how great the demand on our resources will be or how long continued.

But apart from this tragic fact we are dealing now with an exceptionally large number of difficult cases. The men who were physically fit passed through their course of education in an astonishingly short time; others cannot. They need the most careful individual attention, and though they will win out in the end, their training must go slowly.

We are hampered, too, by the difficulty of getting suitable shops and small poultry-farms for the men who have completed their training, and who must, therefore, remain at St. Dunstan's instead of making room for others.

We have Convalescent and Rest Homes in the country and by the sea to maintain for the use of those blinded soldiers who want change and special care. Meanwhile the organisation for the After-Care of the men who have left St. Dunstan's is rapidly becoming our chief concern. Because they are doing so wonderfully well is exactly the reason why nothing must be neglected to keep up their spirits, to watch over their work that it does not unconsciously deteriorate, to see that they get the best materials and the best markets, to keep alive that bond of fraternity which had its beginning at St. Dunstan's.

With this big programme before us we have to face the fact that the cost of everything is still going up by leaps and bounds. We are not going to do things less well than before for our brave blinded soldiers, and therefore our expenses must be greater.

When you think of these men living and working in perpetual darkness you will feel that money which can bring into their lives internal sunshine is money with a power for good that money seldom has.

Contributions to St. Dunstan's sent direct, or through this Journal, will be most gratefully acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PEARSON.

Chairman—Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee, St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, England.

St. Dunstan's, March 5, 1920.

## SERVES THE WHOLE FAMILY.

THE fame of Chamberlain's is good. Chamberlain is world wide. It is good for the dopest, for the young, for the old, for the crowd and whooping crowd of the children. The same bottle serves the whole family. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Jardine's did not send this in, but it would not be fair to our readers who are interested in the company to let petty spite deprive them of news to which they are entitled. So we "lift" it.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-ninth ordinary meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., to be held at the offices of the Company on Tuesday, 25th May, states—

The General Agents and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting a statement of the affairs of the office made up to 31st December, 1919, in Sterling and Hongkong currency.

Capital.—The call of \$50 per share directed by the Consulting Committee at a Meeting held on May 21, 1919, has been paid in full and the paid up Capital of the Company is thus increased to \$1,000,000.

Reserve Fund.—The special dividend, authorised by the Consulting Committee at their Meeting above mentioned, to be paid out of the Reserve Fund, amounted, at exchange 3 5/8, to \$88,541, 13s. 4d. This Fund is thus reduced to \$195,312.10.0.

The proposed appropriation of \$54,687.10.0 to the credit of this Fund out of the profits of the year 1918 will bring the Reserve Fund up to \$250,000.

1918 Account.—After paying an interim dividend of \$18 per share on 21st May, 1919, the amount standing to the credit of this Account is \$1,296,175.88.

This is resolved to deal with in the following manner:—

To pay a final dividend of \$12 per share.....	120,000.00
To add to Sterling Reserve Fund.....	224,358.97
To add to Reinsurance Fund.....	100,000.00
To add to Underwriting Suspense Account to close theyear 1918.....	851,816.91
	\$1,296,175.88

1919. Account.—The amount standing at credit of this Account is \$1,815,763.52. Out of this the General Agents and Consulting Committee have declared an interim dividend of \$18 per share, absorbing \$180,000.00. The balance of \$1,635,763.52 will be carried forward.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. White resigned his seat on account of his departure from the Colony and Mr. G. W. Barton was invited to fill the vacancy.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Barton, Compton, Gubbay, Maitland and Pearce retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.

General Agents.

WORKING ACCOUNT 1918.

Losses and Claims Paid \$1,600,850.84	
Charges.....	88,814.02
Donation to War Charities.....	10,000.00
Commissions.....	308,827.09
Balance, as per Balance sheet.....	1,475,175.88
	\$3,484,667.83

Net Premia Received, less Returns and Re-insurances.....\$3,192,474.43

Interest.....292,125.40

Transfer Fees.....67.00

\$3,484,667.83

WORKING ACCOUNT 1919.

Losses and Claims paid \$587,286.29	
Charges.....	82,628.10
Commissions.....	227,509.80
Balance, as per Balance Sheet.....	1,815,763.52
	\$2,713,187.71

Net Premia Received, less Returns and Re-insurances.....\$2,405,456.68

Interest.....303,187.03

Transfer Fees.....95.00

\$2,713,187.71

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

Capital, 10,000 Shares of \$250 each—\$2,500,000 of which \$100 per share has been paid up.....	\$1,000,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	801,282.05
Reinsurance Fund.....	1,176,228.27
Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account.....	443,056.99
Underwriting Suspense Account.....	313,280.00
Uncollected Dividends.....	29,666.00
Accounts payable.....	136,019.09
Working Account 1918, as per Statement.....	\$1,475,175.88
Less Interim Dividend at \$18.00 per Share paid on 21st May, 1919, \$180,000.00.....	1,295,175.88
Working Account 1919, as per Statement.....	1,815,763.52
	\$7,011,471.80

Assets.

Cash in hand and in transit and on Current Account and Fixed Deposits with Banks.....\$1,273,194.69

Gold Investments—British, Indian and Colonial Government Bonds and Stocks.....2,595,927.93

Foreign Government Loans.....340,971.56

British, Colonial and Foreign Railway, and Port Trust Bonds and Stocks.....156,058.87

Silver Investments—Hongkong Government 5 per cent. War Loan of 1916.....100,000.00

Mortgages, Loans and Debentures.....1,678,812.56

Other Investments.....407,241.02

Agency Balances.....302,166.70

Accounts Receivable.....157,098.47

\$7,011,471.80

Sterling exchange taken at 4/10.

Kwangtung Provincial Assembly, it is understood, will make an investigation of the charge of improper action on the part of some employees of Canton Municipality.

Take a "WALLA-WALLA" BOAT to your ship. Phone No. 3510.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTES.

The Admiralty announce that Rear-Admiral George H. Borrett, C.B., will become Rear-Admiral and Senior Naval Officer, Yangtze, in succession to Commodore Alfred A. Ellison, C.B. on May 6, on which date the appointment of Rear-Admiral Commanding the Fifth Light Squadron will lapse.

The Admiralty announcement that Rear-Admiral George H. Borrett, C.B., becomes Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze indicates a reduction in the establishment of officers of flag and commodore's rank in China. At the present time, Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff is Commander-in-Chief, with his flag in the light-cruiser "Hawkins". Rear-Admiral Borrett is in command of the Fifth Light Cruiser Squadron, with his flag in the light-cruiser "Cairo"; Commodore W. Bowdell-Smith is in charge of the Naval Establishments at Hongkong; and Commodore A. A. Ellison is Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze, an appointment he took up on June 30 last year, and now relinquishes in favour of Admiral Borrett. When this organisation was approved a year ago for the post-war Fleet in China, it was probably expected that a larger force would be maintained in those waters. The battle-cruiser "New Zealand," for example, was mentioned as the future flagship, on the conclusion of her Empire tour with Lord Jellicoe, but she is not allocated to this duty in the appendix showing the new "Fleet Organisation" issued with the First Lord's Memorandum on the Navy Estimates.

The strength of the Fleet in China as revised is thus, numerically, very similar to what it was in 1914. There are now five light-cruisers, 12 submarines and two depot ships, four sloops, 14 gunboats for river work, an aircraft carrier, and a dispatch vessel, making a total of 39 pennants. Before the war there were three armoured ships, eight light-cruisers, 16 gunboats, eight destroyers, four torpedo-boats, and three submarines, a total of 36 vessels. There were then, in command, a Vice-Admiral at Hongkong, and a Commodore at Yangtze, and a Captain as S.N.O. on the Yangtze. After May 6 the only difference to this organisation will be the employment of a Rear-Admiral on the Yangtze instead of a Captain. It is understood that the aeroplane carrier "Ark Royal" presently engaged in special duties in the vicinity of Constantinople, under Commander P. H. Waterer, will return home before proceeding to the China Station. Lieutenant-Commander W. L. Jackson has been appointed to the light-cruiser "Curlew," China Station, as First Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer. Commander Jackson entered the Royal Navy in 1905. He saw much service in the war. Captain C. C. Morse, Wiltshire Regiment—the 2nd Battalion of which is at Hongkong—has been seconded for service under the Colonial Office from the 10th ult. Captain Morse was latterly with the 1st Battalion at Dublin.

## ACCIDENT ON A RACECOURSE.

## HEAVY DAMAGES AGAINST CLUB.

A verdict for the plaintiff was returned in the Banco Court in the action in which Abraham Wade claimed £7,000 from the Koshill Racecourse Company for the loss of the racehorse Estland, which died as the result of an accident whilst training on the defendant company's course in September last year. The mishap was said to have been caused by the existence of a rabbit burrow on the training track and the plaintiff charged negligence against defendant's management of the course. The jury assessed the damages at £3,675. A stay of proceedings was granted.



## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Renter's Service to the China Mail.)

## IRISH REBELLION.

## A POLITICAL BOG.

LONDON, May 16.

The *Observer*, reviewing the anarchy in Ireland, declares that the position of the southern loyalists has become unbearable. Women and children are arriving in England "like Russian refugees." Moreover, the extremists have extended their outrages into Ulster. It is becoming hard to restrain the covenanted. If Sinn Féin goes a step further there the covenanted will crush it at all costs. Meanwhile the paper opines that Ministers are considering the alternatives of intensive military activities and maritime, and an economic policy whereby a cordon would be drawn across Ireland cutting off the disaffected interior, removing therefrom every loyalist. Thereafter the area would be utterly ignored until it came to its senses. There would be no police, no troops, no trade, no education, no distribution of revenue, no railways, and a complete administrative boycott, while the loyalists should be ensured against losses until they could be returned.

It is reported from another source that martial law will be proclaimed in Ireland shortly. A drastic plan of campaign is materialising. Reinforcements from England are to be rushed over. Lord French had audience with the King yesterday morning.

## MESOPOTAMIAN OIL.

LONDON, May 16.

Attacking the Government's policy in the Mesopotamia oilfields, the *Sunday Express* declares that in 1914 the Anglo-Persian company had a hundred per cent. claim to Mesopotamian rights. Secondly, that in March 1914, owing to obstruction by Germans, who intervened through Kuhlman and others on behalf of the Turkish petroleum company, the claim was reduced to fifty per cent. although the arrangement was not ratified owing to the war. Thirdly, the Dutch combine to-day proposes to reduce the Anglo-Persian claim to 34 per cent.

## AUSTRALIA AND THE OIL SUPPLIES.

MELBOURNE, May 16.

The House of Representatives passed the second reading of the Anglo-Persian oil agreement by 36 votes to 17. Mr. Hughes stated that the Commonwealth government would assist oil prospectors in Papua, New Guinea, and Australia.

## MOTOR VEHICLES.

## BUSES AND TRUCKS.

The opening up of new motor roads around the island of Victoria, in Kowloon, and in British New Territory, has been the main cause of the sudden jump in the number of motor vehicles in use here.

Our colonial Fire Department early fell into line and the success of its motor service is unquestionable. In a place where there are practically no animal-drawn vehicles to be displaced, the introduction of mechanical means of land transportation is inevitable.

What is needed here, however, is the establishment of a network of bus traffic lines, wherever there are suitable roads. Bus service to one or two points only will not be an economic success. There are flat areas and odd corners of our island which could be visited by buses throughout the day, and the early hours of the night, the buses acting as "feeders" to the Tramways, or engaged entirely on their own.

On the Kowloon side, the possibilities are only limited by the extent to which that city, and the adjacent New Territory, is built up. But building follows in the wake of road construction, and transportation, it does not march in the van.

The pioneers, those who look ahead, who sacrifice in spring in order to reap the harvests of autumn, the modern prototypes of the early road builders in the Wild West of America, these are the ones to whom we shall owe thanks, and more than thanks, in the years to come. These are the ones who will be the real factors in building up Hongkong and Kowloon. And if one day, as we all hope, there are splendid, easily reached homes, apartment houses, hotels, and public and private institutions hereabouts, with all the advantages thereof, our analysis at that time must disclose that the building up of motor transportation, the only suitable form of transportation for this Colony, has been responsible for the improvements.

To abandon generalization and come down to brass tacks, it is rumoured (rumour being the nearest thing to news available in Hongkong) that several private companies, and departments of the government, are nosing inquisitively into the motor transportation question. Ere long, if we are correctly informed, Hongkong and Kowloon will be edited by the sight of real motor bus traffic lines. The Kowloon Residents' Association, we are given to understand, is making inquiries, as is the Hongkong Tramways Company, and our genial friend, Mr. Lauritsen of the "Dragon" Garage into motor bus possibilities.

The Public Works Department is interested in big dump and material conveying trucks, we understand. And the Police Department may be favoured with a couple of new patrol motors, one for service between the jail and the Courts, and one or more for patrol and emergency service in

British New Territory, a service which is badly needed. There is also talk of the purchase of a modern motor ambulance.

If Public Works should go in for motor dumpers, no doubt many local contractors would follow suit, and we should not be pained by the contemplation of elderly Chinese women and frail little children bending under heavy basket-loads of bricks, sand, and stone. No, the ladies, bless 'em, would have to look for something in the sewing way. And the dear old bullocks of the rubbish and water wagon services! They would be free to seek pastures new and look up something in the plowing way.

Mr. Joseph D. Birrell, of Messrs. Gerin, Drevard & Co., Agents for The White Company, has kindly shown us some very interesting photographs and printed illustrations of the various types of chassis and bodies sold by his firm. He says that Mr. Barker should be given the credit of being the pioneer body-builder in Hongkong. Mr. Barker is keenly interested in the development of motor buses and is having a body, for one chassis which he has on hand, built locally. He has ordered others, we understand, from America. Four of the buses are for use by military authorities of the government of South China.

Mr. Birrell says that, undoubtedly, the 1-1/2 to 2 ton models are the most efficient, but that in some instances, notably in passenger service around the Island, the 3/4 ton model may prove to be the best proposition on account of its better load factor.

The greatest percentage of trucks built in America in the year 1919, was of the 1-1/2 to 2 ton type. This type proved its worth to the American government both in connection with General Pershing's Mexican expedition and in the Great War.

The product of The White Company seems to be the most popular in America, judging from the statistics given out by that company. They manufacture every conceivable type, from motor cars on up through power trucks for electric railways, fire department apparatus, ambulances, police patrols, hotel and street buses, and goods-hauling trucks, up to ponderous heavy-duty, 5-ton, material haulers, equipped with massive wheels, tyres and axles, and special double reduction gear drive.

In one of The White Company's booklets entitled "Passengers and Profits in White Buses" are printed many illustrations which go to prove the wonderful progress made in America in adopting motor transportation.

A fleet of 20 buses is shown, which is operated by the Baltimore Transit Company of Baltimore, Maryland. Another fleet of similar, enclosed design, rather reminiscent of tram-cars, is operated by the Municipal Railway in San Francisco. In Yellowstone Park there is a fleet of 112 White buses, owned by the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company. The Pike's Peak and Rocky mountains, are favoured with motor bus service, so that with roads to run on, properly cut and graded, similar to those already built here, but more heavily metalled, better banked, and much more numerous, there seems to be no

## CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.

## THE OBSERVATORY.

The new scale of salaries for the Royal Observatory Department is as follows:

Director £500 to £800 by £20 annually.  
Chief Assistant Director £450 to £550 by £20 annually.  
Assistant Director £360 to £450 by £20 annually.

The Director is entitled to free quarters in the Observatory and the Assistant Directors come under the ordinary rules with regard to rent.

## KINEMA NOTES.

## CORONET THEATRE.

By now the word "Coronet" is generally recognized as a synonym for the highest quality cinema work. We get tired of saying there's a good picture at the Coronet Theatre, there is so seldom anything else. You have only two more nights on which to see a remarkable study of bigotry, some beautiful photography, and the exquisite acting of Nazimova, in "Out of the Fog." After that a great pantomime picture, "Aladdin," comes on, with hundreds of child artists.

## PLEASURE AIR CRUISING.

## LIKELY TO BE EXPENSIVE.

An aerial "yacht" is among the possibilities of the near future. Experiments have been carried out by a northern firm to produce a small airship on the lines of a miniature Blimp. Questioned as to the possibilities of such a craft as an air cruiser for weekends, an official on the technical side of the airship service said that the cheapness of the scheme had probably been exaggerated. Something nearer £10,000 than £1,000 is likely to be the market figure of any such production. I am aware that commercial firms are conducting experiments with this object in view, but they are up against high-priced materials and labour. The cost of the engine for a speed of 50 miles an hour would be at least £500, and then there is the envelope to be considered. The cheapest thing so far found is linen. Most other materials which have been tried are of a very expensive nature. It will, in my opinion, be some time before a cheap airship for family use is possible. The idea of a machine costing less than a car de luxe is idiotic.—Ex.

## A MODERN SUCCHI.

Several years ago one Succhi shut himself up in a glass tank at the Westminster Aquarium (no water in it but what he drank) to prove he could live for 40 days without food.

"Le championnat des difficultés inhérentes" as a French journalist called it. More practical, a middle-aged Cambridge don, named Joseph Barcroft, F.R.S., was shut up in a sealed glass case to see whether one could calculate the quantity of oxygen necessary to an airman at high altitudes. The case in which Mr. Barcroft was shut up for six days was specially erected in a quiet room in the physiological laboratory. The case is about 7ft. high and about 10ft. broad. The floor, walls and roof were made of glass, hermetically sealed, and divided into two compartments—one fitted with a lounge chair and table and the other with a simple bed. A sort of treadmill apparatus was included, to enable Mr. Barcroft to take exercise—Succhi, one recalls, avoided anything likely to make him hungry. One reads that during his six days in this case Mr. Barcroft spent his time in work relating to the experiments, in taking exercise on the treadmill, and in sleeping. He was kept under observation day and night to ensure his personal safety, undergraduates and others taking it in turn to keep watch. He appears to have come through all right, but what he proved is not stated. No doubt there will be a learned paper for the Royal Society.

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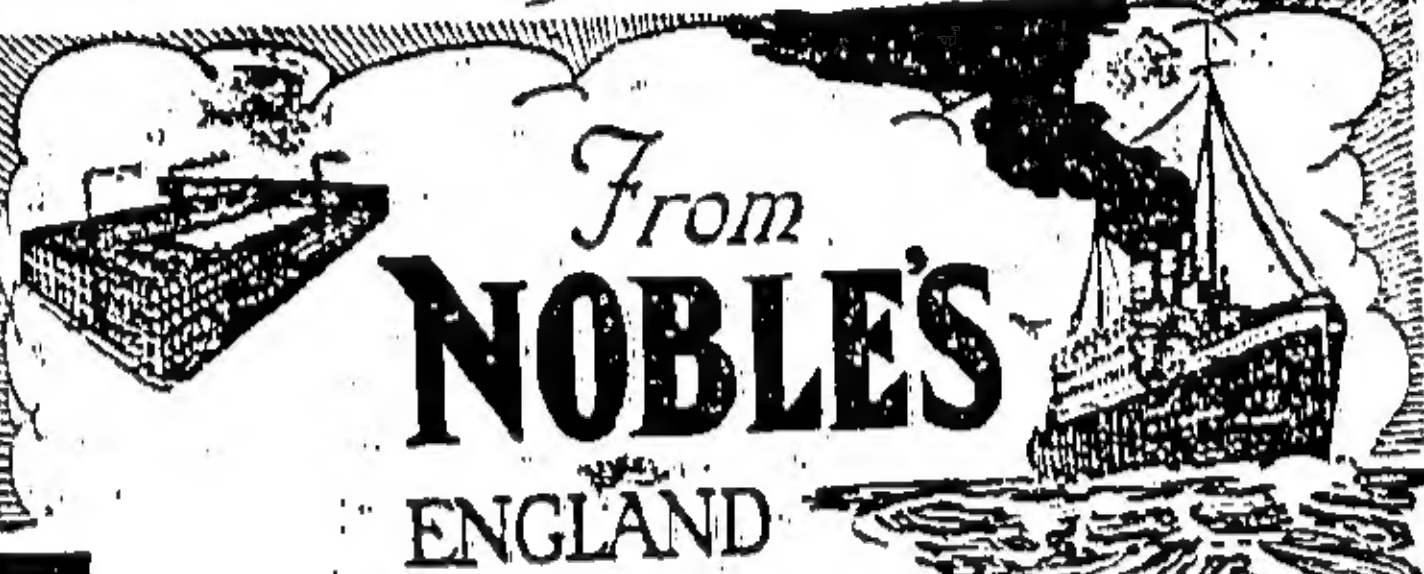
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### FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

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### ITALIAN AVIATOR ARRIVES IN PEKING.

PEKING, May 18. Ferrarin, who is participating in the Rome to Tokyo flight, arrived in Peking at noon from Tsingtao, and received an enthusiastic welcome. The Marquis Durazzo, wife of the Italian Charge d'Affaires, kissed the aviator and his companions greeted him with Vivats. The Chinese greeted him with Wansui, "thousand years."

General Ting Ching, head of the Chinese Aviation Department, presented a silver incense-burner on a stand bearing the inscription "To the First Man to Fly across the Continent of Asia."

Wang Kai-wen, on behalf of the President, pinned on the Order of Wenhs (Fourth Class) on Ferrarin's breast.

The aviator leaves for Tokyo in three days.

### STUDENTS' RETURN TO BOOKS.

PEKING, May 18. Students resumed classes to-day.

### THE VACANT PREMIERSHIP.

PEKING, May 18. Chow Shu-mu has declined the Anfu offer of Premiership. It is believed that Admiral Sah will also decline it.

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The paintings, which reveal an admirable choice of subject and interpretation, depict beautiful landscape and seascape scenes in and around China and Japan, flowers, fruits, etc. The exhibition will last for three days.

Mr. T. Shirataki, who exhibits twelve oil paintings, is one of the best known artists in Japan. He graduated at the Art Academy of Tokyo in 1898 and in 1905 went to America where he studied under R. W. Vanos of New York for two years. In 1908 he went to London and Paris where he studied under the celebrated painter, the late R. Colin. In 1911 he returned to Tokyo and since then his pictures have been accepted each year at the art exhibition held under the auspices of the Imperial Department of Education. In 1918 his work was recommended for acceptance without preliminary ex-

amination for the exhibition, a signal honour for a Japanese artist.

Another prominent exhibitor is Mr. M. T. Takeuchi, R.A., whose exhibits include one of his best works, "A Morning in Summer," and "Putney Bridge," and "Bruges, Belgium." From his earliest boyhood Mr. Takeuchi displayed a genius for painting. Consequently, about nine years ago, his parents sent him to London where he studied under several famous masters. He spent considerable time in Rural England, especially Sussex, where several of his best works were painted. Three of his pictures—Wimbledon, Night, and Amberley by Moonlight—were hung in the Royal Academy. The last mentioned picture was purchased by Lord Lansdowne. Mr. Takeuchi has also travelled extensively in France and Belgium where he painted some of his masterpieces. Though born in Tokyo and educated in that city he has spent the greater part of his life in Europe.

The other artists whose work is represented in the exhibition are Mr. T. Atomi, one of the leading Japanese oil colour painters (16 paintings), Mr. Ishikawa (20 water colour paintings), Mr. Ohashi (28 water colour paintings), Mr. K. Sona (5 oil colour paintings), and Mr. S. Shibata (8 water colour paintings).

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